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Senior Olympics At Extended Care Facility Brighten Spirits Of Everyone

On Wednesday, June 15th, 1988 New Community Extended Care Facility sponsored their first annual Senior Olympics. The residents of Extended Care and the Adult Medical Day Care participants were both involved in the exciting tournament which included a walk-a-thon, a wheel-a-thon and a bowl-a-thon.

The Senior Olympics provide an occasion for excitement and competition for participants and are something they look forward to which changes the sameness of their days. They also provide a time to meet new people and to socialize; to experience a change in environment which lifts the spirits.

This time many of the seniors came in contact with young people from St. Rose of Lima School, who went among them providing water and a helpful hand. Some young people set up bowling pins for the afternoon of games.

The opportunity was there too for the St. Rose youngsters to learn more about the lifestyle of these elderly people and see the patience and care that are required because of their limited abilities. They also learned that elderly people, even with canes and wheelchairs yearn to have fun and enjoy their lives — to be happy and have smiling young faces around.

There is no greater sadness than isolation at this difficult period of one's life. Participants eagerly tried their hand at the activities and displayed an eagerness for living which may have surprised some visitors.

The events were scheduled to take place out of doors but due to the hot weather, the events were held in the Medical Day Care suite. The activities staff provided festive decorations and set the tone for an exciting day.

As the wheel-a-thon began and the



Undaunted by her wheelchair, Blanche Dudley sends her ball down the alley.

elderly participants lined up on their designated tracks the excitement was felt throughout the facility as the staff of every department came to join in. The relatives and staff cheered as the wheelchairs raced down tracks to the finish line. In later events some of the participants proved to be indefatigable walkers. Many who were in wheelchairs showed a prowess for bowling.

Twelve volunteers from Mr. Dan Fabrizio's class at St. Rose of Lima School helped with the transporting of residents, blew up balloons, and served delicious picnic food that the dietary department provided.

There were no "winners or losers" stated Barbara Moore Wortman, director of activities, just a lot of fun for everyone that day.

After lunch, illusionist Phillip Jenkins
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Babyland III Proudly Presents The Class Of 2001



A festive class of Babylanders face their proud families at the Preschool Exercise program.

The morning of June 10th was a time of patriotism, a time of song, a time of love, a time of expectation, a time of anticipation, a time of great pride and a time of joy. Our preschoolers completed their first milestone toward that great celebration as The Class of 2001.

At Babyland III we want our children to be informed, to be knowledgeable to see connections, to question, to be skeptical, to be critical, to be searching things and causes! We want them to listen, to sing, to dance, and to reach and

create. We want our children to be beautiful because they feel good. Last but not least we want our children to be gentle, to have very high standards and to be flexible, civilized, and human.

During our Preschool Exercises it was evident that the beginning steps on the road to 2001 have been taken. Congratulations to our Children, Parents, and Teachers!

They will go on to Kindergarten in September.

Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales, OSP
Center Supervisor

Award For Excellence In Economic Development For St. Joseph Plaza

The historic renovation of St. Joseph's Church from a former place of worship for Roman Catholic immigrants into St. Joseph Plaza an office, restaurant and health complex, drew yet another award at the annual dinner meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of Essex County on Tuesday evening June 21, at the Manor in West Orange. It was one of eight projects recognized for excellence in Economic Development in Essex County.

At the dinner, attended by Arthur Wilson, New Community president, and Senathiraja Natesan, manager of the Priory Restaurant at St. Joseph's, the recently renovated St. Joseph

Plaza was referred to by Harold Lucas, Director of Development for the City of Newark, as the "Crown Jewel of Newark." A plaque commemorating the occasion was given to Mr. Wilson by Henry F. Henderson, Jr., former chairman of EDC.

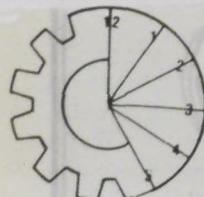
Criteria used for judging the projects were the physical enhancement of the area, the creation of job opportunities and the demonstration of civic commitment. Judging of the entries was done by a panel consisting of Hamilton Bowser, president and CEO, Evanbow Construction Co., Inc.; Lowell Brody, The Grad Partnership; Dan Gaby, President, Keyes

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NCC Board President Art Wilson (Center) receives award from Essex County Executive Nicholas Amato as (L-R) Harold Lucas, Senathiraja Natesan, Henry Henderson, and Joseph Parlavecchio look on.

Photo by Sunny Yellen



NCC Employment Center

Off To A Good Start

Job seekers are now being greeted by Lisa R. Gibbs, who schedules appointments and assists the applicants of New Community Corporation Employment Center.

Lisa began as our receptionist (at the 15 Hill Street office) in early March, after learning of the position through her employment counselor Mary Bins. Lisa is very often the first person job seekers speak with when inquiring about the no-fee employment counseling and placement services we provide.

Her calm and caring manner is especially suited to the needs of many applicants. "I enjoy talking with the applicants who are waiting to see their counselors. They sometimes need motivation or need help feeling more comfortable. A lot of people just want to talk, and they tell me about their old jobs, the jobs they would like to have, and many of their frustrations. It feels good to see them relax because I feel as if I'm really helping," said Lisa. Other applicants may be nervous about taking our typing or math tests. Lisa is the one who helps job seekers overcome their discomfort and motivates applicants to give their best try. She also has the sometimes complicated task of explaining to anxious job seekers that they must call a second time before an appointment will be scheduled. We do this because we are usually booked a week or two ahead of time and peoples' employment status changes so quickly, we only want to

Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact the Development Office at (201) 623-2800 ext. 206.

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schedule those who will still be looking for work when their actual appointment time arrives. But, it's not always easy to get this message across to people who desperately need to find employment...

Lisa was born in Newark and has lived in this area all of her life. She graduated from St. Ann's High School and went on to receive training in computer programming with Empire Technical School. Determined to pursue a career in computer technology, Lisa will enroll at Essex County College this September, to begin further study.

Before joining our team, Lisa was employed by Newsweek magazine company as an audit clerk, and would have maintained this position of two years, had the company not moved its offices away from areas reached by mass transit.

She heard about the Employment Center through a friend who had found a job with our assistance. Mary Bins arranged one interview with a bank, but before that institution could make a decision, an opening became available at the Employment Center. Mary immediately recognized the valuable services Lisa could provide here, and arranged for her to interview.

Impressed with her interviewing skills and attention to detail (noted by her application), Lisa was subsequently hired. Lisa said she has "learned a lot" about job seeking from her mother, Gwendolyn Gibbs, who is a senior employment representative with the Urban League of Essex County.

Lisa has caught on to our processes quite effectively, and according to her supervisor, Mike Jackson, her "nice, warm and easy-going personality, make her a valued addition to our staff." Welcome Lisa!

L. Michelle Odom

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

New Community Corporation Employment Center is a non-profit, no-fee employment counseling and placement service for the people and employers of the metropolitan area. If you would like to reduce your advertising expense and interviewing time, just let us know of your job openings. If you need help finding a job — or a better job — just call for an appointment. Employers and job seekers may reach us at (201) 643-3828.

Plaza Award...

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Martin and Co. Advertising; Joseph V. Noble, former vice-director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and director-emeritus, Museum of the City of New York, also chairman, N.Y. State Board of Historic Preservation; and William Smith, assistant director, New Jersey State Highway Authority.

Other award recipients included: Terminal C, Continental Airlines at Newark International Airport; The Atrium, Fairfield; Park Plaza, Montclair; 398-412 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, formerly part of the Wellmont Theater; 292 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, The Old Sterlington House; 726 Broadway, Newark and 360-366 Passaic Avenue, Nutley.

Homemaker/Home Health Aides Graduation

On Friday, June 17, 1988 the first two classes of the Homemaker/Home Health Aides participated in what we hope will be one of many formal graduation ceremonies.

Proud family members, friends, faculty and staff were in attendance. Six women completed the training course in February, 1988: Evelyn Bell, Delphinia Blue, Cusandra Finney, Barbara Godwin, Kim Langley



Holding candles aloft, the graduates savor the solemn moment.

and Maria Ramos. In June, 1988: Linda Boykin, Lizzette Crespo, Stephanie Diggs, Suze J. Esterile, Hadijah Muhammad, Deborah Oliver, Cedelie Pompee and Debra Russell finished. Theirs is a wonderful accomplishment of which they can be proud.

Linda Boykin called the gathering to prayer. Later, Deborah Oliver thanked everyone in the name of both graduating classes.

Monsignor W. Linder, founder of New Community Corporation, addressed the graduates and later presented diplomas as each new Homemaker/Home Health Aide was announced by Program Director, Sister Ann Tumulty.

Home Friends II Supervisors Zenobia DeVore, Annette Green and Gwen Walston were beaming as they presented Barbara Godwin, Delphinia Blue and Maria Ramos, former Home Friends Homemaker, with special remembrances and good wishes.

As a closing tribute to all present, the combined Class of 1988 performed a rousing rendition of the Gospel

song "We Come This Far by Faith" under Gwen Walston's able direction.

Sister Anastasia Hearne, Director of New Community Corporation Social Services kept the ceremony moving along from beginning to end, just as "the lady behind the scenes" Mabel Hines had kept track of myriad program details all along.

High hopes for the future were expressed. All of the graduates look forward to full-time employment and the gratification that comes from knowing that their work is needed and appreciated.

Everyone present was invited to enjoy a delicious lunch which had been prepared to top off the celebration.

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Coretta Scott King Continues Husband's Civil Rights Dream



Joe Chaneyfield helps Mrs. King from her car.

Coretta Scott King's visit to St. Joseph Plaza on June 10 served to highlight the fact that it is 25 years since the Civil Rights March on Washington and to keep in people's minds what King accomplished but how much more remains to be done.

Mrs. King pointed out that 25 years later there is still a dire need for jobs, housing and equal education for the poor. It is a tremendously important issue especially in view of the major upcoming elections.

To bring this need to public attention an Anniversary March is scheduled for August 27 in Washington, D.C.

New Community is sponsoring two buses for residents who wish to participate (at no charge).

We encourage other groups to do the same.



Meeting and greeting the guest of honor.



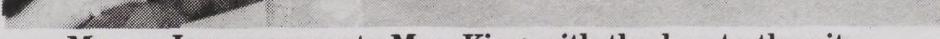
Mrs. King meets the media at a press conference.



Babylanders greet Mrs. King on her tour of the facility.



Mrs. King addresses a large audience in St. Joseph Plaza's Atrium.



Enthusiastic Babyland youngster gives Mrs. King a welcome hug.



President of NCC's Board of Trustees Arthur Wilson introduces Mrs. King to a crowd of supporters attending the buffet.

Senior Olympics Spread Joy...

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nings entertained the crowd of spectators and called on several of the onlookers to assist in his performance. They were captivated; magic is fascinating to "youngsters" of all

ages.

Mr. Canady, administrator of Extended Care was very proud of the success of the events.

Donna Allen
Food Service Director



Another one down the alley.



Time out for a cool drink.



They're off and wheeling!



Sharing the joy.



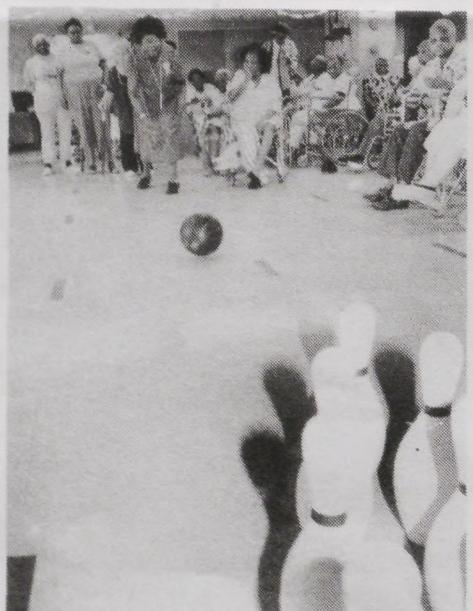
On your mark...get set...GO!



Having a ball!



Set 'em up...



Knock 'em down...



What you see is not always what you think you see.

Babyland Participates In Black Heritage Day Parade

Babyland took pride this year in participating in Newark's Black Heritage Day Parade on June 5th.

Preparations for the parade began a week earlier when, in their spare time, Babyland employees made hundreds of pink, blue, and white carnations from boxes of similarly colored Kleenex tissues. At 7 a.m., on the morning of the parade, an extremely windy and chilly morning, a few dedicated employees (some the same ones who used their talent to make carnations) could be found at Babyland III decorating the school bus.

By 10:30 a.m., as promised, Babyland employees and/or parents came with their children and prepared lunches in anticipation of a full day's participation in the parade. When the parade was ready to begin around 1:45 p.m., more employees arrived to walk with the New Community entourage.

Now, green and white New Community balloons had been added to the window posts of the bus and streamed high above it as it proceeded in the parade. In the bus, in addition to several employees, were either our parents or grandparents with their children:

—Judith Jones and Christopher, age 3

—Michelle Lindsey and Curtis Stone, age 3

—Alice Yarborough and Anwar Walker, age 3

Throughout the parade, the crowd responded jubilantly to our passengers' warm invitation to "BRING YOUR CHILD TO BABYLAND," which was announced not only by employees and parents, but also by the children.

When the parade ended at 3:45 p.m., and the bus returned to Babyland III, its passengers' mood was still that of pleasantness and enthusiasm as they got off the bus and removed ALL of the decorations, even the Scotch brand transparent tape.

This is the Babyland spirit which is so admirable, which we are so appreciative of, and which we attribute our success to.

Martha Carroll,
Assistant Director of
Human Resources.

Black Heritage Parade: Proud Day For New Community



Essex County Executive Nicholas R. Amato addresses audience as parade honorees are recognized during award ceremonies at City Hall.



Msgr. William J. Linder and NCC Security Director Jim DuBose head the parade.



A riot of paper flowers deck out a Babyland bus.



Hand raised in greeting, Msgr. Linder enjoys the parade.



The first of NCC's colorful floats rolls past the reviewing stand.



Exuberant NCC Youth Group members ride out the parade in style.



Float built by homeless men depicts various phases of NCC.

New Essex County Administrator Cardell Cooper Keeps A Compassionate Eye Out For The Less Fortunate

Essex County encompasses over 843,000 people and commands a budget of over \$350 million. It is the largest county in New Jersey.

When Essex County Executive Nicholas R. Amato was looking for someone to be responsible for the day-to-day operations of this complex county government, he selected Cardell Cooper because of his excellent academic credentials, administrative experience and the ability to act as a liaison between the executive branch and the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Amato felt Cardell's experience in management, finance and job development training would be a tremendous asset to the county.

Cooper feels a responsibility to use the Essex County taxpayer's money wisely, since he is a lifelong resident

trash transfer stations; (3) The Essex County Hospital Center; and (4) the shortage of nurses.

Addressing the pressing problem of the county penal institutions he pointed out that they are "pretty old," with the "new wing" of the jail annex having been built in 1926. They have been in litigation with the inmate's advocacy program and are meeting with the public advocacy office to address those issues.

Resource recovery and trash transfer stations Mr. Cooper considered a "hot issue which has been jumping around." This was an issue which as a legislator he had been dealing with from its inception "so the transition of going from one aisle to the other has not really been a difficult one, it's just that you now have a greater appreciation for that which you have legislated." Good naturally he posed the question, "now that you've created these wonderful things how do you go about making them happen, how do you make them work?"

"I am using these problems not as a negative but because they are right on the front burner," he explained.

Deserving equal attention, is the Essex County Hospital Center, in terms of what needs to happen there to get it to a point where it can be a first rate facility, said Cooper. "We have started some things up there for example, in terms of our capital bond ordinance which we passed while I was on the Board of Freeholders. The reality of that is that we're starting some of the work up there and I think that's going to prove to have a certainly positive impact." Other internal restructuring must be done to get it down to an "acceptable patient level" which can provide the kind of service that Essex County should be afforded. Better management of the resources according to causal nature could provide the down the road answer.

"Of course the most difficult one (problem) is **nurses**," said Cooper emphatically, pointing out the national scope of this problem. Pay scale competition from private hospitals presents one difficulty but exciting solutions such as working relationship with the School of Medicine and Dentistry, perhaps with internships and other creative approaches are being looked into.

Considering the reality that the county is in the "hospital business" so to speak, a workable plan to get the professional help of nurses and doctors for the hospital is a high priority. Innovative approaches involving the business community will also be sought; input is welcomed and needed for incentives so that all may benefit.

Mr. Cooper voiced a commitment to excellent hospital care from the beginning of his activity in public administration; his mother has needed such care at intervals for the past 18 years and he readily admits private care was not affordable. So he can sincerely empathize with the emotional needs of other families experiencing similar situations. "It's almost a personal challenge to do

something, because there are people there who simply can't help themselves," he added with concern.

One of the more enjoyable parts of his job is following the work done by the Division on Aging including the nutrition program which New Community conducts at NC Associates as well as the Home Health Aide Program. Cooper had accolades for Larry Cuomo, head of the Division, and the relationship Cuomo had built with New Community and others as evidenced by the high regard for the county's program. "Larry has done an outstanding job, as did Lois Hull when she was in charge. I think they're very special people because they have made it a point not only just to be professionals but they have created a relationship with the senior community and you can see it when you go to various (county) programs, and see how excited people are about them. If there is anything I can do to build and add to that, that's the enjoyable part of it."

Mr. Cooper pointed out that relationships such as the one established with New Community add to the county's ability to serve. "It's okay to say you're going to provide a service; it's even greater when you have a service provider like New Community that is doing innovative and creative things on their end, because as a result of that it strengthens our program for public relations purposes certainly making the county look good." He praised the double benefit gained by the positive reputation of New Community and the county's association with them. "When you

ud of them as a county administrator and look forward to pledging additional commitments to New Community." He found it a pleasure, Cooper added, to highlight and accentuate the positive since all too often in government all you hear are negatives.

The new administrator grew up in the neighborhood presently occupied by New Community housing, having lived as a child at 168 Bruce Street. Another home he remembers on Camden Street was on the tract of land for the proposed shopping center. He watched the devastation set in and now is heartened by the rebirth of the area. "Going back now and seeing a living, breathing community again — and it is a community, he emphasized, not a high rise structure with people stacked on top of one another — I think it's one of the greatest things happening.

Commenting on New Community's part he pointed out, "It's involved with people, and tied in with health care. They've tied in with all the kinds of things that as a youngster growing up in the City of Newark (having experienced the so-called welfare syndrome and cycle), all of the support services that really weren't there during the turbulent 60's." To look back and "see that these people today have a lot greater hope than a Cardell Cooper had and a lot more of a support system makes me feel good," he said elatedly. He felt that people who were part of the history of the community and are still here can measure the success of New Community better than anyone else,



Cardell Cooper

well aware of the tremendous need here. He has focused on the obligation of government to "do something to help those who are less fortunate."

It is said that to understand a person's situation you need to "walk a mile in his footsteps." Cardell Cooper, recently appointed Essex County administrator eminently qualifies then to understand those less fortunate than most.

The thirty-five year old administrator is one of eleven children raised in a single parent family supported by the Essex County welfare system. But there any resemblance of a typical story ends, and a life unfolds which proves that wonderful things come to those who keep trying...and struggling to learn.

His education began in Newark where he attended Newton Street School and graduated from Westside High School at the top of his class. Financially restricted, he chose to go to Montclair State College, where he earned a B.A. degree in Political Science. He later received his M.P.A. from Rutgers Graduate School of Public Administration. To better understand the legal tie-in with municipal affairs Cooper attended the Rutgers School of Law in Newark for two years.

As new county administrator he has "hit the ground running," and sees at least four tough challenges ahead: (1) the penal institutions for the county; (2) resource recovery and



Barbara Smith, (L), Affirmative Action officer, and Diane Ban, office services manager, confer with Mr. Cooper.

hear the county is associated with New Community and the program is working well, that's a positive for us." He felt a need to reinforce those kinds of community-based relationships. "So often you hear about community-based programs not working because of lack of funding or lack of staff or lack of know-how in certain instances where you don't have staff properly trained, and it just seems that with the contractual relationships we have with New Community as a whole the programs are working very well. I am proud of them as a former legislator but I'm equally pro-

having been part of the change, living and watching it happen. "They can tell a better story than those who conceived it." It is unusual in urban settings today to find this, he added.

Mr. Cooper was asked to be guest speaker at Westside High School two years ago, and welcomed the opportunity to speak to kids, some of whom he felt had given up completely. It was the first time he realized he had become a role model, Cooper said modestly, but at this point he feels he has an **obligation** to be one. "And that forces me to do the best job I

25 Years Of Priesthood: A Time To Rejoice



Msgr. Linder concelebrates Mass with Bishop Joseph A. Francis (R) and fellow priests.

You Are A Priest Forever In The Line Of Melchizedek

A glowing Father Linder talks about his priesthood.

possibly can here," he explained. It's ever present that with the struggles and everything else it **can be done**, and somewhere down the road somebody else will benefit from that."

Referring again to his family, Cooper mentioned that two out of his family of eleven siblings have had serious difficulties and one is still traveling a dangerous road in a hospital fighting a drug problem. For this reason he appreciates the impact a strong neighborhood community such as New Community can have on the presence of strangers selling drugs.

Cooper went on to explain some of the programs of the county government which are covered under the \$350 million budget. A Summer Youth Employment program is operated by the county and presently involves about 800 disadvantaged youngsters. An in-school training program is operated year round through a relationship with various school districts. They also provide through the county structure summer job opportunities for youngsters who want to work who do not meet the criteria of economically disadvantaged which he considers extremely low.

The County park system including programs like the Concerts in the Park, and the Turtle Back Zoo provide an opportunity locally for young people to enjoy fine exposure and experiences which are exciting and enlarge their worlds.

The administrator pointed out that the nutrition program funded by the county allows seniors to set up a net-

work of friends who care about them and to socialize among themselves. It is much more than "feeding people." For many, families are busy working, so the nutrition sites open new vistas and an opportunity for conversations appealing to their senior lifestyle.

Cooper feels the "spillage" must occur from the Newark Renaissance into the community to make it good for Newark and back into the business



Mr. Cooper stays in touch.

community as well, to maintain a happy medium. The supermarket is "the most realistic thing anybody's done in a long time. Right now it's like an outing to do shopping."

"I can't wait for the day to cut that ribbon," he remembered thinking, when he read the supermarket was to be a reality. "That goes to the heart of the matter we're all talking about.



Love and pride is evident in the faces of Father's family.



Mary Smith presents Father with a hand-embroidered vestment especially designed to represent the many facets of his priestly life.

We're now talking about real community; you can live there, you can visit, you can associate, you can get medical care and you can shop there," he said with feeling.

One of the most important needs of any government providing service to people is communication, according to Cooper, and brainstorming and putting people together will be a priority. It is not necessary always to agree but also at least to understand what you're disagreeing about. "At least you're talking to one another," he added. The needs are very different in the urban and suburban areas of the county, but the county is supposed to be able to address those needs and interests which are sometimes competing with one another.

The new administrator stressed the multi-faceted scope of everyday services provided by the county and the need for its benefits to be more widely known. He thinks of the county as an "information source," for seniors or youth, spreading the news of what's going on benefitting them say in the Parks Department which is one of the finest in the nation providing all kinds of excellent cultural activities in an urban setting. He hopes to continue community-based services as long as funding and other resources are available.

Cooper is a down to earth person who seems well suited for the job of administrator since a major thrust of the county is to provide services and opportunities for the less fortunate while strengthening its economic posture so that it may do so more efficiently. "The important thing is to

be sensitive enough to know what to do, and if there's anything in life that I want to be able to do it's to help somebody else. It's that plain and simple," said Cooper. "What have you done to improve the quality of life?" is his yardstick.

Mr. Cooper said he has been asked many times by people in the system about himself and his "career ladder" and his "success." His own definition of success is different than most, for he does not regard his new position as defining that word. "Success," according to Cardell Cooper, "is the way you treated those very people as you went through that system." He feels that the simple fact that "a kid raised on welfare" could now be county administrator should in itself be a sign of hope for others. "But my mother paid a great price," he adds with great affection for her.

The support mechanism which keeps him going, despite long and busy hours is his family, revealed Cooper, adding "I like to think that beside every man there's a greater woman." His wife Sandy is working with United Airlines "by choice," he said, doing what she wants to do as is he. Their two children Tiffane, 2½ years and Dana, 8 months, complete the family unit. "They're the ones who complement my life. Everything I do reflects on them." His public life must be on the straight and narrow, he explained, understanding that this is the case.

He has certainly set the tone that we must all realize an obligation to help those less fortunate, that they too may have hope.

Notes From Babyland: From Nine On Up

In many ways, this might well be the most critical period of rearing. It is the most important time to apply love but most importantly, to combine it with Discipline. If the parent or parents are working, Grandma gets stuck again. Many are the questions... "Where did you go after school?" "Who are your friends?" "What about your homework?"

In many ways the television has not helped this generation. Strongly, I would prefer comic books. Possibly that might stimulate reading. You know just this alone improves spelling for in it is the repetition of words; spelling is seeing the same word over and over.

Taking a child through the park, or possibly to a zoo is a trip in happiness and in itself an education experience. **Supervision Critical**

Supervision is the name of the game. You must know who they are with, who is overseeing their activity. Young people must report their coming and going and many times you might have to verify their activity. In every way you can, by phone, actually meeting their friends' parents to set up guardianship, verify. What I am coming to — "Who is minding the store." You cannot put the blinders on if you want peace of mine. You have to work on it.

I can recall delivering an eleven year old child's infant in 1943 when I was interning at Newark City Hospital. I cannot help but wonder, if that child had had better monitoring ---???

There seems to be no end to the discussions on child rearing. Many families have been raised on a "Common Sense" principle. I would assume that "Common Sense" means Love, Discipline and working at it. This being so, it should work because one gets involved. I have to state certain known rules:

- Never put your child down with statements like, "That's a dumb question. Can't you figure it out?" "Why did you do that?" By the way, never call your child a bad name.

Babyland Begins Summer Program

Babyland has again offered boys and girls between the ages of 5-12 years an opportunity to grow academically and culturally through its annual Summer Enrichment Program conducted at St. Rose of Lima School in Newark.

The program which was filled to capacity very early this year has an enrollment of 60 youngsters.

The program provides a safe, interesting and fun-filled environment for children during the long, hot summer days. Activities are varied and include swimming lessons, tennis lessons, movies, barbeques, arts and crafts, baseball, volleyball, music, hiking, kickball, visits to the health spa and trips.

At least six all day swimming trips to State forests and campgrounds such as Stokes State Forest, Round Valley Recreation Area and Spruce Run are planned.

An important ingredient of the program is the academic enrichment component. There are intensive small group reading classes for 5-7 year



Dr. Paul
Kearney

Remember that your actions speak loudly — your child learns from what you do. You communicate moral values through example and expectation. Expect the best and you'll get it.

- Have a tradition of conversation at mealtimes. Provide an opportunity for your child to talk about his or her day and talk about yours. Show your feelings honestly. Listen with open ears and an open mind to what your child says.

Looking around today in Newark I often see a negative side: the crunch of raising in a single parent setting, the necessity of working and raising the kids is exhausting — but you are the one, and often the only one who can make their day. When you see them reach out to you, or even smile, you have hit the right chord.

Education is the Key

There are articles written about people who grew up in areas like Newark and despite all the adversity made it. The only way out is education. It is not necessary to have the money. There are scholarships. The Armed Services, through the reserve or regular service will pay for college. All that is needed is the will and desire to improve. I have often felt that the general attitude is "Why worry about tomorrow; today is bad enough!" This defeatism will get you nowhere. Every little optimistic chord you bring to your child may in itself, give him the armor to break through to accomplishment.

Paul Kearney, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Medical Director
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olds, allowing a growth in the foundation so necessary for future education.

Lunch and snacks are provided for the youngsters and free Camp T-shirts.

The school will run from June 27 through September 2 each weekday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Babyland Holds Staff Training

To culminate its fiscal year, Babyland employees met on Saturday, June 11, 1988, for its final staff training session, "Life...How to be a Winner," presented by the Wise Women's Center of Essex County College. The session ran from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon during which time the audience was captivated by its speaker.

Mary Smith, Executive Director, welcomed the group after breakfast and registration, and turned the session over to Ilene O'Connor, Career Development Technician of Wise Women's Center, who introduced the

Balloons, Banners And Flowers For Babyland II Graduation

Thursday, June 9, 1988 at 10:00 a.m...encompassed with balloons, banners and flowers...I AM SOMEBODY...seven beautiful children...I AM A PERSON...sang, danced and recited...I COME IN A SMALL PACKAGE...for Graduation Day at Babyland II...SO WON'T YOU LOVE AND PROTECT ME...Compiled by the staff, the program was directed by Ms. Sylvia Parker and the diplomas given by Miss Susan Livingston...I AM SOMEBODY, a poem recited with such meaning, delighted the families and friends of: Raheem Acres, Taleah Cummings, Davon Davis, Amanda Perez, Lateef Thomas, Jennifer Tolbert and Yathiyah Valentine (in absence: Elizabeth Johnson)...I CRY LIKE YOU...Congratulations! Class of '88...I LOVE YOU...

Sister M. Helene Trueitt, ASC



A shy graduate claims her diploma.



The graduating class entertains with their rendition of Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror."



Proud families and younger classmates share in the festivities.

speaker, Dorcas O'Neil-Williams.

On first impression this talented speaker came across as demure, sophisticated, and alluring. However, as Ms. O'Neil-Williams carried the group through a series of experiences she proved to be everything but demure. She possessed the mental and physical power to influence the audience to comply with her agenda which was:

- 1) UNDERSTANDING the part you have played in your life so far;
- 2) EXPLORING the inner space;
- 3) OVERCOMING the emotional

barriers that interfere with your goals; and

4) TAPPING the power within to create the life you desire.

Our thanks to Sister Dolores Russo and Sister Catherine Moran for obtaining our speaker who gave us the opportunity of our lives at an appropriate time in our lives. Certainly, we will be better equipped to care for the children in our care, if we have a better understanding of ourselves.

Martha Carroll,
Assistant Director for
Human Resources.

Behind The Shelter Door... The Courage Of Lions

by Robin Flicker

The kitchen is spare. Around the long rectangular table sit five women, two black and three white, and their 15 children: four babies, three toddlers; the rest ranging in age from five to eleven. The women talk to each other and the children talk to the women. They are eating macaroni and cheese and hot dogs. It is hard to tell who belongs to whom. All the mothers mother. All the children seem to be siblings. There are five black eyes, 16 bruises, 32 welts among them. There are no men, there is no alcohol, and no hitting is allowed.

This is a women's shelter. This is where women come with their children when they can no longer stand the brutal beatings, the threats of death, the humiliation of home.

Sometimes the beatings do not bring them here. Sometimes the threats of death do not bring them here. Sometimes the only thing that makes them come is the beating of their children. Or the danger to their unborn babies. Their flesh, you see, is expendable, but the flesh of their flesh is precious. They find that when they are pregnant, the violence escalates. This surprises them; they do not understand why.

This does not surprise us — we who work in shelters. We do not understand why, but we keep seeing it over and over again. We accept it as a truth the way we accept the truth of all domestic violence, and we turn this truth around and around in our analytical minds. We come up with theories and apply them to the understanding of the evidence. Mostly, though, we see patterns and these patterns are reinforced over and over again, day in and day out, phone call after phone call, welt after welt.

We like to think the abusive husbands and boyfriends, fathers and

brothers are monsters. We want them to have four heads, 100 arms, guns and lead pipes for legs — but they never do. They are white collar, blue collar, Indian chiefs. They have crewcuts, mohawks, and braids. They drive vans, Cadillacs and motorcycles. And they beat, batter, and kill.

I have listened to 100 descriptions of these elusive monsters. I have sat with women so badly beaten that they couldn't light a cigarette, describing the episodes of violence that would straighten hair, and I have seen them weep when they tell me what a good guy he is, really. How sorry he feels afterwards, really. How loving he can be, really.



We like to think that these women are masochists. We like to think that they are uneducated, pathetic rejects who enjoy pain and humiliation. We like to attribute to them a personality disorder. We like to see ourselves a cut above — immune to abuse, aware of our wits. In short, we like to blame the victim.

In fact, these women are white collar, blue collar, Indian chiefs. And they are beaten, battered and sometimes killed.

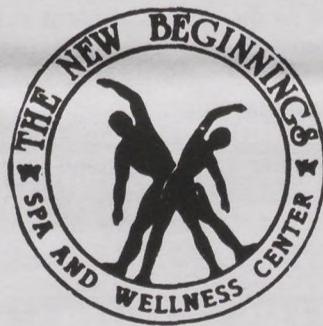
They also have strength beyond belief: they have nerves of steel, patience of saints, hope without end, and when they come to us for shelter — they have the courage of lions.

Robin Flicker was a Counselor/Advocate in the Women's Resource and Survival Center

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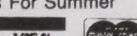
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Security Corner

Officer Of The Month

Betty Bowe, because of her loyalty and dedication to duty, has been selected Officer of the Month for June, 1988.

A veteran security officer with three years of service with NCC Security, Officer Bowe has maintained an above average attendance record.

She has served with distinction wherever assigned, always willing and able to go above and beyond expectations.

Before coming to NCC, Officer Bowe was a department manager of food services in the cafeteria of the Newark Division of the Budweiser Brewery located on US Highway #1 and 9. A relative who was once a member of security, informed Officer Bowe of the employment opportunities at NCC and suggested to her that she might enjoy working in security.

Mrs. Madge Wilson, manager of New Community Associates, 180 South Orange Avenue, one of the three senior buildings Officer Bowe is

assigned to said of her: "Officer Bowe is a very alert and conscientious security officer — one who always knows what's going on and is a great asset to me. Also, she is an officer that goes about her duties in a very pleasant manner."

Security Officer Bowe states that she enjoys working with the elderly and gives this as one of the reasons she likes her job. Caring for the elderly is second nature to her, after having looked after both mother and father, both of whom lived to be 83 and 86 respectively.

Security Director James DuBose, in presenting Officer Bowe with an engraved plaque in recognition of her achievements stated "Officer Bowe is one of a growing number of officers on our security force who are very solid and in control at all times."

The plaque was presented to Officer Bowe by the Katzin's Uniform Company of Newark, who is co-sponsor of the program along with the New Community Security Department.

Congratulations Officer Betty Bowe, keep up the good work!



S/O Betty Bowe receives congratulations from Sr. Veronica, as Michelle Lee, staff assistant, watches.

Black History Notes

Alexander Sergевич Pushkin (1799-1879)

Alexander Sergевич Pushkin, was Russia's greatest and most beloved poet. Today, Russians read and enjoy his poetry as much as they did when he was a living hero. Some of Russia's other great writers such as Turgenev and Dostoevski, called themselves "his pupils."

Pushkin was the grandson of Abram Hannibal, a transplanted African, who in 1705, at the age of eight was captured in Africa and sold to a Russian Nobleman in Constantinople. Abram Hannibal as a major in the Russian Army, achieved greatness in the Armies of the Czars.

Pushkin was a hero to the poor people of Russia. Russia was ruled by old and rich families who believed that the serfs (peasants) were not worthy of freedom. As a revolution brewed, Pushkin used his poetry to further their cause. As a result, he (Pushkin)

was banished to Siberia for six (6) years.

Pushkin was also the first Russian to earn money for his poetry. His work is not widely known in America because it is difficult to translate into English. It is feared that the beauty of the poetry would be lost if not correctly translated, thereby causing it to lose its most valuable messages.

Pushkin possessed a brilliant mind and was endowed with a poetic talent which Russia has not known since.

To his memory there is a statue of the poet in Moscow, the Pushkin Theater in St. Petersburg and a Pushkin city near Leningrad.

Although Pushkin was considered a marksman, he was wounded in a duel with pistols. He died on January 29, 1837 from the wounds.

He was mourned by all of Russia.
Research by James E. DuBose

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by the Staff of NCC Social Services Department

After School Program Closes With Party

The New Community After-School Program ended the 1987-1988 year with a Pizza Party and Awards presentation on Friday, June 17th. The event was held at 220 Bruce Street. After-School Program students were treated to the pizza by Vista volunteers Mae Harper, Marlene Martin, Orelia Stevens and

Outstanding students of the year were selected on the basis of their consistently excellent performance in schoolwork as well as their fine attitudes. Students chosen for this award were second grader Omar Brown, third grader Tara Yeslie and fifth grader Shawn Wright, all from Newton Street School.



Mowbrey McKinley (center) presents Appreciation Certificates to (L-R) Mrs. Mae Harper, Orelia Stevens, Bertha Brown, and Marlene Martin, all NCC VISTA volunteers.

Bertha Brown who raised the money for the pizzas through their own efforts.

Contributions to the Youth Department made it possible for us to purchase awards for the After-School students. Awards were given for outstanding student of the year, most improved students, and good attendance.

Three students were selected for most improved students of the year, determined on the basis of their continued improvement in their work throughout the school year. The students were Nadirah Brown, a first grader at Newton Street School and Tahisha Chambers a fifth grader at St. Rose of Lima School.

Vista volunteers, Mae Harper, Bertha Brown, Marlene Martin, Orelia Stevens, Geraldine Wise, Diane Jones, Bertha Walker and Mary Watson all received certificates of appreciation for their outstanding contributions to the After-School programs at Bruce Street and St. Rose of Lima.

Donations allowed the NCC basketball league to provide awards for its participants. The championship trophy went to the McKinley team which defeated the Sonics two games to nothing in the championship series. The scoring champ award went to Tyress Carter of the Sonics who averaged 28 points per game during the season.

Youth On The Move

Fashion Show

The Youth Department will be featuring a new enterprise, **The NCC Fabulous Fashion Show**, that will be held on July 16, 1988 at 180 South Orange Avenue at 6:00 p.m.

Drill Teams Organized

Also, I would like to give our appreciation to two well organized young ladies — Ms. Maria Webb, who has the Junior Drill Team and Ms. Rita Ritch, who has the Senior Team. Both ladies did an outstanding performance in organizing these talented children who were looking for something to do.

A special thanks to you two for having the two teams together for the Black Heritage Parade that was held in June.

We, the workers at the Youth Department will keep on trying to establish new and creative opportunities for the youth of today.

The NCC Cooking Class Message

The Cooking Class session is now officially over for the Spring season. The class started on February 23, 1988 and ended on June 17, 1988.

with a feast of a Mexican Taco Party.

One of the things the Cooking Class did was enter the Food Bank Child Health Month Contest, which consisted of a Nutrition and Good Health Program for the month of May. As a result of the program the children learned that eating a good balanced meal will give them a strong and healthier life.

To our surprise we won! The Food Bank coordinator, Donna Ross, phoned us to congratulate the NCC Cooking Class as winner of Honorable Mention. The Cooking Class will celebrate and join the awards ceremony at Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey, on June 27, 1988.

The program will take place in Bugs Bunny Land where Bugs will be on hand to congratulate all project participants. The winning prize that will be received is one hundred dollars plus tickets to enjoy the day, for our outstanding project for Nutrition Month.

Congratulations to all who participated!

Yolanda Curry

Enroll Now In Summer Youth Program

It's Summer time again and New Community Corporation's Social Service Department is once again offering a Summer Youth Program for kids ages 5-13, starting July 7 through August 26, from Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The program, which is supervised by Eladio Negron, Youth Coordinator, includes tutoring in Math

and Reading, Computer lessons, breakfast and lunch programs, recreational activities daily, weekly trips to lakes and parks and some other educational sites.

So hurry up and enroll your kids for a summer full of fun and enjoyment. Registration ends first week of July. Contact Social Service Department for more information at 623-6114.

RIF Parade



If you were near St. Rose School on June 10 you might have wondered what the parade of children and VISTA workers was all about. If you looked and listened you would have heard the children of St. Rose's After School Program, chanting... "reading is fun"..."learn to read"..."we love RIF" etc. VISTA volunteers, Mary Watson, Geraldine Wise, Bertha Walker and Diane Jones planned a parade after their RIF book distribution and party.

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) is a national non-profit organization

that helps children discover the importance and joy of reading through a nationwide network of 3,100 local projects such as the St. Rose and Bruce Street sites. A grant from **Give The Gift Of Literacy** sponsors our program, supplemented by other grants.

At the party the children eagerly selected their books and were treated to snacks and a tray of pastries which spelled out RIF with none other than those "California Raisins"!

Mowbrey McKinley

NCC Resident Passes Bar Exam

In the July 1987 **Clarion** an article appeared about Joann Martin's graduation from Rutgers Law School with a B+ average. Ms. Martin of NCC Gardens Seniors graduated cum laude from Boston Union in 1975 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, a prestigious honor society for outstanding scholars. She went on to Cornell University earning a masters degree in developmental psychology. She entered Rutgers Law School as a recipient of the Black Women Lawyers Scholastic Award and the Philip Levin full — all expenses paid scholarship.

Last year, the article stated that she hoped to get a judicial clerkship. Learning of Ms. Martin through the article in the **Clarion** Judge Peter D. Pizzuto in Middlesex County hired her. In this judicial clerkship position which ends in August, she received pleadings, motions and papers that come in front of the Special Civil Division. She also handled research, legal writings, arbitrations and settlement conferences.

We are proud to announce that Joann Martin has passed the New Jersey Bar Exam!

Ms. Martin is interested in the area of income tax in the field of commercial law and hopes to be employed in this area. She is currently being interviewed for several positions.

She also has a strong interest in advocacy for the rights of the mentally ill and the aged and does voluntary work in this area.

Her future plans are to obtain a

LLM in taxation within the next 5 years and enter private practice.

Ms. Martin recalled that when she received acceptance at many ivy league colleges at graduation (she was valedictorian), the principal of her high school told her that she shouldn't accept as she would fail! Her message to youngsters is that to succeed "you've got to be hungry — to want to succeed yourself." This drive and determination will allow you to stand up to adverse criticisms and discouragement from friends and others.

As a child Ms. Martin, a life long Newark resident, was inspired by adults who talked with her and showed her that she had a choice and didn't have to follow the poor influences in her community. Her niece, Tahira, 12, told her that she didn't have to watch Mrs. Cosby on the Cosby Show anymore to see an attorney, that she could reach out and touch a real one...her aunt! Tahira seems to be following in her aunt's footsteps as she is an A student at the Vail Deane School in Mountainside from which she recently received her second scholarship.

Joann Martin's faith in God has sustained her and has indeed carried her far. Congratulations!

Mowbrey McKinley

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Jesuit Volunteer Moves On

During the 1987-1988 school year, NCC's Youth Department, which operates out of NCC Social Services and runs the After-School Program at St. Rose of Lima School and 220 Bruce Street, and a Summer Program for youth at three sites: 220 Bruce Street, 72 Hayes and 225 Hunterdon Ave., enjoyed the presence of Jesuit Volunteer Thom Mannard on its staff.

Thom hails from Chicago and joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps: East for one year after graduating from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1987. JVC: East is one of the fine regional Jesuit volunteer groups in the U.S. Its membership totals 350-400. Volunteers work everywhere from urban centers in the Northeast to Indian Reservations...from Southern states to Alaska.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps offers women and men an opportunity to work full-time for justice and peace. Volunteers work and live among the poor and marginalized. They live simply, in community with other Jesuit Volunteers, and work for structural change after examining the causes of social injustice.

Jesuit Volunteers work with groups that serve primarily low income and minority people. Their work is geared toward helping people to help themselves.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps offers the volunteers a year or more of experience that will open their minds and hearts to live always conscious of the poor, committed to the Church's mission of promoting justice in the service of faith.

Thom came to New Community because he was interested in working with youth, serving the poor and living away from his native Chicago.

After being involved in the Youth Department for almost a year, Thom rates his experience as excellent in terms of working with kids to help improve their situations and make their futures a little better. His upbeat statement, "You have to get up every morning expecting something new; no day is ever the same as another" reflects a very positive attitude which served him well this year.

Thom's background in tutoring was evident as he bragged that every child in the After-School Program had been promoted, and half of them were honor students at their respective schools: Camden, Newton Street, and St. Rose of Lima. The After-School Program emphasizes the importance

of education and the need to work hard to accomplish personal goals. Respect for self and others is given high priority in the program.

During his year at New Community, Thom was supervised by Mowbrey McKinley, Human Resource Coordinator at NCC Social Services who is the supervisor of the VISTA Volunteers as well as the Jesuit



Thom Mannard

Volunteer. Thom has high praise for Mrs. McKinley and her work, noting how helpful he found their discussions — whether of the After-School Program or of the progress of the year in general. He pointed out that the program would be greatly impoverished without the many fine contributions of Mrs. McKinley and the VISTA Volunteers.

Last August when Thom arrived in Newark, he was a little apprehensive about whether or not he would be accepted, and how everything would work out. However, he was convinced that a sheltered environment, such as college campuses offer, does not offer a clear picture of how life in this country really is — for everybody. That is the picture Thom wanted to see before he finalized a direction for his life. His wish is that more young people will be willing to face and address this picture along with him. Thom still doesn't have definite plans for the future beyond returning to his native Chicago and becoming involved in his field — political science. Perhaps he'll get involved with the '88 Presidential Campaign or one of the local election campaigns. He definitely wants to continue his work with youth. Thom doesn't sound concerned about these open options, because the year has given him a lot more confidence in himself and his ability. "I know that something will come up," he says.

We know that too, Thom, from our very positive experience of working with you this year. We wish you a bright future filled with nothing but the best.

As for the NCC Youth Program, we look forward to the arrival of another Jesuit Volunteer!

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HAVE/NCC Graduating Trainees

In August, 1988, Terrance Wilson, Barry Cameron and Troy Portee will be the first trainees to graduate from HAVE/NCC's BUILDING REHAB/RENOVATION/MAINTENANCE SKILLS PROGRAM. The program is an innovative response to the crises of homelessness and lack of affordable housing.

Homeless individuals, recruited from local shelters, receive 24 weeks of intensive training in building rehab/maintenance skills, with an emphasis on direct and support services. Specifically, the program includes: on-site technical instruction; basic skills remediation; group and individual psycho/social counseling. The program also provides meals, housing, medical needs, transportation, crisis intervention, a small monthly stipend, personal tools/equipment, work clothes/boots, and more importantly guaranteed job placement upon full completion of training.

The primary objectives of HAVE/NCC are to reempower trainees, to provide trainees with marketable skills, and to rehabilitate existing housing stock at the Douglass-Harrison Apartments.

The trainees are survivors. They have survived the bitter trauma of homelessness and have worked very hard, accomplishing much in the process that not only benefits them, but many others. Their efforts have put them all well on the way to full, productive, independent lives.

As they are about to leave HAVE/NCC, we asked Terrance, Barry and Troy to talk to us about their experiences in the program and to discuss their plans for the future.

Q: How did you first hear about this program?

A: T.W. "I met the Director, Chris Mazauskas, recruiting trainees at the U.C.C. (UNITED COUNTIES CORPORATION) Shelter, on Fulton Street."

Q: What made you decide to join?

A: B.C. "I was homeless. I needed to get back into the mainstream of life and saw this as an opportunity. I was also interested in the job skills and the support offered. I felt I had self-

worth that could be realized through the program and it would help me prove it to myself."

Q: How did you feel about yourself then?

A: T.P. "I felt kind of bad because my life wasn't right. I had problems with my wife. After the 4th or 5th week, I began to see things change for the better."

Q: How do you feel about yourself now?

A: T.W. "I'm more confident. More sociable. Starting to feel like a person again. Before, I just didn't care."

Q: What are your plans for the future?

A: B.C. "Well, after obtaining steady employment, I'll be looking forward to marriage and raising a family. I'd like to start my own business eventually and become self-employed."

Q: What is different about this program than others you've been in or heard about?

A: T.P. "The work is different from, say, computers, bookkeeping, truck driving...you learn to use your hands and your mind; the (training) environment; learning to work with different people and conditions. The program gives you a lot more than most — it's not just a loan and some books. There's a lot more benefits: housing, meals, work clothes, tools, bus card, medical, stipend, spa..."

Q: What would you say to others who might want to join the program?

A: T.W. "If you're tired of going through the ups and downs of life, and want to level-off, learning a trade can help you; the program can be an upswing in your life. You don't have to be a failure. Take some pride in yourself. Put your mind to it. I've been in a lot of programs — either my living arrangements weren't right, or I wasn't motivated, no self-esteem. Participation in the program gave me my dignity. I'm still trying — it doesn't happen overnight. I'd recommend this program to anybody. Common sense tells you to do the right thing."

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This musical review entitled "Broadway Revisited," directed by Emily Ross, led its audience through Broadway by way of nine girls coming from different parts of the USA



A large, enthusiastic cast makes for rousing melody.

to break into show business.

Stacy Stewart, Frances Smith, Lian Parris, Ellen Fadaju, Erica Smith, Florence Smith, Shanel Marquis, Lisa Baldwin, and Melene Thomas tied the show together as they moved around Broadway auditioning for its many shows.

The opening was a rousing number written by Mr. Irving Berlin, "There's No Business Like Show Business." Each girl then ventured out to try out for a part in a show. The first show was represented by the



Swinging and swaying, the performers give their all.



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Kindergarten and First grade. These little darlings stole the show. As the girls sang the first chorus, "Hello Fellas," the audience roared. The boys took the second chorus, "Hello Dolly," and cameras clicked from every part of the auditorium.

Second and third grades presented a scene from "Oliver," the fourth from "The Wiz," the fifth "The Sound

of Music," the sixth "West Side Story," the seventh "Grease," and the eighth "42nd Street," ending with the entire school singing "The Lullaby of Broadway."

The sound of music filled the room as the audience joined in the singing. Musical accompaniment was provided by the multi-talented, Mr. Curtis Watkins.

The entire staff of St. Rose of Lima School can take credit for a job well done.

★★ Not In Our Stars ★★

Some people have a tendency to blame their circumstance upon destiny, fate, or misfortunes — upon anything, and anyone except themselves. He didn't do well in school 'because the teacher didn't like me; the boss didn't like me.' The fact that he lacked the proper attitude, failed to adequately do his work, and was a disciplinary problem, he overlooked and failed to take into account. Then there is the libertine who claims 'my wife doesn't understand me,' not withstanding his infidelity. Too often one hears and reads that poverty was the cause of juvenile delinquency and crime, notwithstanding the fact that their peers, equally as poor, abstained. Some of the greatest contributions to civilization came from those who suffered poverty. There is a fork in the road of life for all humanity, and the choice of road one makes may determine the kind of life one may experience the rest of his life, and also the quality of life he may bequeath to his succeeding generation. Since man has the freedom of choice between good or evil, the faults that ensue as a result of his choices lie in himself. There are the obese gourmets who blame their excessive bodily fat on their metabolic activity while they consistently and habitually overeat, under-exercise, and in-between snack. And then there is the intemperate imbiber who excessively indulges in alcoholic drinking and blames tensions of the job or personal problems on his alcoholism. And the drug user who blames his habit on stress resulting from inner unrest and psychological emotion. The cliche, 'everybody is doing it,' is a familiar and trite cop-out excusing a fault of habit or indulgence.

Society tends to glamorize those committing anti-social acts, and creates role models who seem, by their conduct, to sanction them. Secular remedies, whenever prof-

fered, are seemingly impotent, treating the symptoms but not the cause. Youth tend to imitate these role models lacking moral absolutes, and rationalize their behavior. Frustrated and confused, some youth futilely search for a way out of their dilemma, but the only sign they bleakly see is, 'no exit.' Playing 'follow-the-leader,' has been dangerous for many who make excuses for their faults. An Arabic proverb is, 'excuses are always mixed with lies.' In King Lear, act 4, scene 3 there is the warning that, 'oftentimes excusing of a fault doth make the worse by the excuse.'

We strive for success, and the happiness of our lives is thought to be measured in the amount of that success we attain. Although success is not easily gained, some people try to attain it through devious and less arduous means. Believing that the stars influence a person's future, some strivers consult astrology and base important decisions upon it. The zodiac is a band of stars that appear to encircle the earth, and is divided into twelve equal parts called signs, each sign of which is believed to have certain characteristics which determine how the stars affect a person's character. But success is not related to the position of stars. For success there must be taken into consideration, among other factors, matters of adequate preparation, such as education, opportunity, right motive, and faith. Lacking these one cannot place the fault of his failure to achieve on his star. In act 1, scene 2, line 140 of the Shakespearean play, Julius Ceasar, Cassius speaks, "men at some time are masters of their fates; the fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves."

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St. Rose School Honors Parents

On June 2, 1988, the parents of St. Rose of Lima students were honored for their unique contributions to the school throughout the year.

St. Rose sponsored the "Appreciation Night" which included an award ceremony and a delicious buffet dinner.

Mr. Richard Proctor, Jr., Parent Coordinator, is responsible for the increase in parent participation this past school year and has worked diligently with the parents as well as the staff at St. Rose to improve parent-school relations and communications.

During the ceremony, which was opened with an inspirational prayer by Sr. Clare Terrance, O.S.P., the honorees were presented Merit and Service awards, Gift Certificates and lovely gifts that were beautifully wrapped.

Mrs. Alberta Brady, the second grade teacher was present to receive a special gift and the Chinese Auction trophy which her class won as a result of raising the most monies for the Chinese Auction. The second grade class representatives were very proud of their success.

The parents took an opportunity to

ask questions concerning the proceeds of the Chinese Auction and Mr. Arthur L. Wilson, Principal, answered their questions. He also encouraged continued participation for continued success.

Mrs. Donna Allen

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Save The Date!

**St. Rose
100th Anniversary**

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Sunday, December 11, 1988

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